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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

SECSTATE WASHDC 7418

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AFDROUGHT

EO 11652: NA

SUBJ: GAO SHIPMENTS

REF A. NIAMEY 2922 B. COTONOU 1021 C. STATE 176524

1. PER QUERY REF C SACOTRA AND SOCOPAO ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PARAKOU BOTTLENECK. IN FACT TRANSIT AGENCIES HAVE LITTLE OR NOTHING TO DO WITH AVAILABILITY OR WILLINGNESS OF TRUCKERS AT PARAKOU ACCEPT CARGO FOR GAO OR ANYWHERE ELSE.

2. BOOKING OF CARGO FOR MOVEMENT BY TRUCK BEYOND PARAKOU IS HANDLED BY OCDN/PARAKOU OFFICE. OPERATION IS STRICTLY COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION WITH PRIVATELY OWNED TRUCKERS FREE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT CARGO AS THEY WISH. SINCE FREIGHT RATES PAID TO TRUCKERS ARE STANDARDIZED BY OCDN FROM PARAKOU TO VARIOUS POINTS OF DISCHARGE, TRUCKERS NATURALLY OPT FOR HAULS WHICH THEY SEE AS PROFITABLE AND SHUN THOSE RUNS WHICH ARE NOT.

3. RATE PAID FOR PARKOU/GAO REMAINS SAME THROUGHOUT YEAR. HOWEVER, DURING RAINY SEASON WHEN TRUCKERS ANTICIPATE POSSIBILITY OF LOSING TIME BECAUSE ROADS ARE DIFFICULT OR CLOSED BY RAIN BARRIERS, OR WHEN OTHER DELAYS ARE ENCOUNTERED AT BORDER CROSSINGS OR DURING UNLOADING OF CARGO, TRUCKERS WILL AVOID SUCH TRIPS IF CARGO IS AVAILABLE FOR OTHER POINTS.

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4. WE ARE PRESENTLY INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY OF PAYING
SURCHARGE TO TRUCKERS FOR GAO RUN DURING RAINY SEASON TO SEE
IF THIS WILL MAKE TRIP MORE ATTRACTIVE. ANY INFO BAMAKO HAS
AS TO THE STATE OF THE ROAD WOULD BE MOST VALUABLE.
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